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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: REVISED COMPREHENSIVE PAPER ON CBMS
(ISD/149)

REF: (A) NATO 4985 (DTG 090746Z JUN 77), (B) STATE 130422
(DTG 070021Z JUN 77), (C) NATO 4666 (DTG 031821Z JUN 77),
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SUMMARY: INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS PRODUCED NEW PAPER ON
CBMS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE WHICH INCORPORATES
PREVIOUS SEPARATE DRAFT PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT (ISD/141,
ISD/142, AND ISD/147). WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY DACOM PRO-
CESS FULL TEXT OF ISD 149. POLADS AT THEIR JUNE 14 MEET-
ING WILL HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS PAPER AND WE
EXPECT THAT FULL INSTRUCTED REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE AT
JUNE 21 MEETING. ACTION REQUEST: WE EXPECT TO NEED
GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR JUNE 21 POLADS MEETING. END SUM-
MARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED NEW PAPER ON CBMS
PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE, WHICH INCORPORATES AND RE-
VISES PREVIOUS PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT (ISD/141, ISD/142,
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AND ISD/147). BECAUSE OF ITS LENGTH, WE HAVE ARRANGED
FOR TRANSMITTAL OF ISD/149 THROUGH USDEL MC'S DACOM
FACILITY. ADDRESSEE IN THE PENTAGON WILL BE COL.
SORRENTINO, USRMCLO, THE PENTAGON: TELEPHONE 697-4450.
IN TRANSMITTING ISD/149, WE HAVE ASKED THAT COL.
SORRENTINO GET IN TOUCH WITH PETER SWIERS, EUR/RPM, TO
ARRANGE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS DOCUMENT TO STATE AND OTHER

INTERESTED AGENCIES.

2. WHEN DEPARTMENT RECEIVES TEXT OF ISD/149, IT WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE REFERENCES IN IT TO VARIOUS ANNEXES. DRAFTS OF THESE ANNEXES WERE ATTACHED TO ISD/147, A FULL COPY OF WHICH WAS POUCHED TO MR. SWIERS ON JUNE 9. WE ARE POUCHING TODAY REVISED COPY OF ANNEXES. WE BELIEVE THAT, WHEN RECEIVED, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD REVIEW ANNEXES WITH A VIEW TO INSURING ACCURACY.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO NOTE THAT, BEGINNING IN PARAGRAPH 19, ISD/149 LISTS POSSIBLE NEW ALLIED CBM INITIATIVES BUT MAKES NO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM OUR REPORTING, SEVERAL ALLIES CONTINUE TO RESIST ATTEMPTS TO CHANNEL DISCUSSION IN THIS DIRECTION. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME PROGRESS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED TOWARD OUR AIM IF WE EMPHASIZE THAT ALLIES SHOULD PUT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST THOSE POSSIBLE CBM PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT CONCRETELY IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL AS STAND A CHANCE OF GAINING ACCEPTANCE AT BELGRADE.

4. AFTER AN INITIAL READING, WE BELIEVE ISD/149 IS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER DRAFTS. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS, KEYED TO THE PARAGRAPHS IN ISD/149, OCCUR TO US:

--PARA 2: WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A MENTION OF THE POLITICAL CONFIDENCE BUILDING EFFECT WHICH COULD RESULT FROM GREATER OPENNESS IN COMPLYING WITH THE CBMS PRO-CONFIDENTIAL

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--PARA 4: WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE NEED TO KEEP THE NUMBER OF CBMS INITIATIVES AT BELGRADE CONSISTENT WITH THE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE FINAL ACT.

--PARA 9, (IV): WE CALL TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THE BRACKETED PARAGRAPH LISTING POSSIBLE ALLIED REACTIONS IN THE EVENT THAT A NEUTRAL OR NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY POINTS OUT THAT NONE OF THE CSCE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SO FAR COMPLIED WITH THE MOVEMENTS CBM.

--PARA 13, (I): THERE IS AN IMPLICATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH AS NOW DRAFTED THAT WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES MAY NOT HAVE NOTIFIED ALL THE MAJOR MANEUVERS WHICH WERE CARRIED OUT SINCE AUGUST 1975.

--PARA 20, LINE 2: WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORD "SHOULD"

OUGHT TO BE REPLACED BY "COULD". END COMMENT.

5. WE WILL REPORT ALLIED PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO ISD/149
AS THEY EMERGE FROM DISCUSSION AT JUNE 14 POLADS MEETING.

6. ACTION REQUEST: WE WILL PROBABLY NEED GUIDANCE ON
ISD/149 IN TIME FOR JUNE 21 POLADS MEETING. STREATOR

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